

REMARKS:

The above-referenced office action stated that the claims on file were directed to two inventions:

Group I, claims 1-38, directed to a method for expressing in a plant a heterologous glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase that is less sensitive to feedback inhibition than wild-type glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase; and

Group II, claim 39, drawn to a vector for genetically transforming a plant which comprises DNA encoding a protein having glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase activity.

As the examiner can see, group I claims have been elected at this time.

In addition, new claims 40 and 41 have been added. It is noted that these claims are dependent on claim 1 and are also directed to methods for expressing in a plant glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Support for claim 40 may be found at least at page 6, lines 19-24 and support for claim 41 may be found at least at page 9, lines 9-13.

The non-elected claim is withdrawn without prejudice and applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue this claim or claims of similar scope in a divisional application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$100 to our deposit account 01-0310 as fees for two additional claims in excess of 20 (large entity).

We look forward to receipt of the first office action for this application.

Respectfully submitted

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